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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO COMINFORMISTS IN YUGOSLAVIA

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1. AT MID-DAY SOCIAL FUNCTION SEPT 12 (PRIOR TO TITO SPEECH CONFIRMING ARREST OF COMINFORMISTS) SOVIET EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY VICTOR KOZENKOV APPROACHED AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND ASKED WHETHER HE HAD HEARD OF ALLEGED ARREST OF SOME 30 COMINFORMISTS IN KOSOVO AND MONTENEGRO. KOZENKOV WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED HAD NOT PERSONALLY BEEN IN SOVIET UNION, BUT WERE FROM FAMILIES, MEMBERS OF WHICH HAD LIVED AT LEAST TEMPORARILY IN USSR.

2. KOZENKOV CONTINUED THAT THEY HAD BEEN DESCRIBED AS
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COMINFORMISTS, BUT IN FACT HAD NO SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET

UNION. HE OPINED THAT SUCH ALLEGATIONS WERE ONLY A MANIFESTATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S CONTINUING SWING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

3. KOZENKOV SAID GROUP ARRESTED INCLUDED BROTHER OF FEDERAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT PEKO DAPCEVIC, WHO APPARENTLY HAD SPENT SOME TIME IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION IS INTERESTINGLY AT VARIANCE WITH COMMENT OF KOZENKOV'S COLLEAGUE NIKOFOROV (REFTTEL), BUT FITS NICELY WITH INFORMATION GIVEN EMBASSY AUG 26 BY A ROMANIAN EMBOFF IN THAT IT REITERATES THE CONTENTION THAT THE COMINFORMISTS HAD TIES WITH PERSONS WHO HAD ONCE LIVED IN THE USSR. THE ROMANIAN IN QUESTION WAS AT THE SAME FUNCTION AND APPROACHED OUR EMBOFF AFTER THE RUSSIAN HAD MOVED ON TO INQUIRE WHETHER HIS (THE ROMANIAN'S) EARLIER REPORT ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD. HE ASSURED THAT IT HAD BEEN.
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